

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Louisa, Spotsylvania, Orange, Hanover, Caroline, and King William Counties, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

November 24, 2010 to January 10, 2011

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal licensing activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) is proposing to construct and operate a third nuclear unit (Unit 3) at the existing North Anna Power Station (NAPS) site in Louisa County, Virginia. The proposed project requires issuance of a Combined License (COL) from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to 10 CFR, Part 52, Subpart C. The COL will authorize construction of Unit 3, not including certain site preparation activities previously authorized by an NRC Early Site Permit (ESP) in 2007. The proposed project also requires the issuance of federal permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Activities associated with the proposed Unit 3 project consists of five components: (1) construction of Unit 3 at the NAPS site, including site separation activities that will occur prior to the construction of Unit 3; (2) additions to the existing NAPS-to-Ladysmith transmission line; (3) modifications to the large component transport route (LCTR); (4) the placement of construction material on the Route 700 parcels near the entrance to the NAPS site; and (5) operation of Unit 3. The NAPS site and Route 700 parcels are owned by Dominion and located in Louisa County. Lake Anna, which is adjacent to the NAPS site and supports operation of the existing plant, is bordered by Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Orange Counties. The transmission line corridor traverses Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Caroline Counties. The LCTR traverses King William, Caroline, Hanover and Louisa Counties. Dominion has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification in accordance with the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) §307(c)(3)(A) and 15 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 930, sub-part D, §930.50 *et seq.* which certifies that the proposed construction and operation of Unit 3 is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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